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FOLLOWING IS INFO PROVIDED TO DEPT SPOKESMAN AS FOLLOW-UP
TO QUESTIONS ASKED AT JULY 16 NOON BRIEFING. IT WILL
BE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED REPORTERS.

Q. WHAT DO WE HAVE FOR INDIA IN THE CURRENT AID BUDGET?

A. THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY-74 AID CONGRESSIONAL
PRESENTATION INCLUDES A PROVISIONAL REQUEST FOR \$75
MILLION FOR DEVELOPMENT LOANS TO INDIA.

Q: HAVE THE INDIANS MADE FORMAL OR INFORMAL REPRESENTA-
TIONS ABOUT OUR ARMS SALES TO IRAN?

A:THIS SUBJECT HAS COME UP DURING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC
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DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDIANS. I CANNOT, OF COURSE, COMMENT

ON THE DETAILS OF THESE.

Q: WHAT IS THE COST OF THE AID HOUSING COMPLEX, IN RUPEES AND IN DOLLARS?

A: THE COMPLEX COST RS. 22., MILLION (ROUGHLY \$3 MILLION) AND WAS FINANCED WITH TRUST FUND RUPEES PROVIDED BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT. THE USG PROVIDED \$173,000 FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASED IN THE US. THE COMPLEX CONSISTS OF A STAFF HOUSE WITH 18 ROOMS AND A RESTAURANT AND THREE OTHER BUILDINGS CONTAINING 30 APARTMENTS, ALONG WITH ANCILLARY BUILDINGS.

Q: ARE THERE OTHER AID BUILDINGS IN NEW DELHI BESIDES THE HOUSING COMPLEX?

A: NO. THE AID OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE EMBASSY COMPLEX.

Q: WHAT'S THE STORY ON AID STAFFING?

A: IN SEPTEMBER 1971, WHEN THE HOUSING COMPLEX WAS COMPLETED, THERE WERE 196 AID PERSONNEL IN INDIA. AT PRESENT THERE ARE 12 AID STAFFERS.

Q: DID INDIA ASK US TO END OUR DEVELOPMENTAL AID OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND WHEN?

A: THEY DID NOT ASK US TO END OUR DEVELOPMENTAL AID. SINCE THE DECEMBER 1971 WAR, THE INDIANS HAVE REVIEWED AND ASKED US TO PHASE OUT THE BULK OF OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

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